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SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS HEADS FOR NEW YORK

REF: A) MANILA 3491 B) ALGIERS 751 C) MANILA 3367

1. ACCORDING MANILA PRESS FIRST LADY DEPARTED LONDON MARCH 20 BOUND FOR NEW YORK. SHE IS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADORS DESIGNATE PACIFICO CASTRO (ALGERIA) AND J.V. CRUZ (EGYPT). REPORT FROM GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY - PNA CORRESPONDENT WITH PARTY SAYS SHE INTENDS TO CONTACT UN REPS OF ARAB AND AFRICAN STATES IN MY (INCLUDING UNGA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA) AS WELL AS THEIR RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON.

2. SHE IS REPORTEDLY SEEKING BOUTEFLIKA APPOINTMENT AT SUGGESTION OF ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE. PNA REPORT REPEATS EARLIER ASSERTIONS (REF A) THAT HE PLEDGED TO "INITIATE AND SUPPORT" MOVE TO HAVE GOP REPRESENTED AT NEXT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE WHEN MRS. MARCOS VISITED HIM IN ORAN EARLIER THIS WEEK.

3. REPORT ALSO NOTES THAT FIRST LADY HONORED AT DINNER AGIEN BY PRC AMBASSADOR IN LONDON WEDNESDAY NIGHT (AS WELL
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AS AT SIMILAR FUNCTION HOSTED BY ALGERIAN ENVOY PREVIOUS

EVENING).

4. ABOVE REPEATED FOR DEPT. INFORMATION ON ASSUMPTION
PNA WIRE NOT AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. IN THIS CONNECTION
IT WORTH NOTING THAT PRESIDENT RECENTLY GAVE EXPLICIT PUBLIC
ENDORSEMENT TO FIRST LADY'S PERIPATETIC DIPLOMACY. AT
MARCH 19 PRESS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT DENIED RUMORS SHE MIGHT BE
APPOINTED MANILA CITY MANAGER, BECAUSE SHE IS "TOO BUSY ON
THE NEW FRONT...THE INFORMATION FRONT, THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT."
HE FUTHER OBSERVED THAT SHE ATTRACTS THE ATTENTION OF WORLD
LEADERS BECAUSE SHE IS A WOMAN, "YOU KNOW, NOT BAD LOOKING"
AND BECAUSE "SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE IS TALKING ABOUT." MARCOS
CONCLUDED THAT "WE SHOULD KEEP HER IN THIS CRITICAL AREA".

5. COMMENT: MRS. MARCOS MAY BE READY FOR THE WORLD, BUT
IS THE WORLD READY FOR MRS. MARCOS?
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